

Ten-man Luton crash

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Coventry.....5 Luton.....0

KEVIN Gallacher showed his importance to Coventry last night with two goals to set up a win which will boost their confidence after Saturday's defeat by Manchester City.

Luton saddled themselves with a double handicap in the opening 18 minutes. A defensive mix-up cost them an early goal, then they were reduced to 10 men when Sean Farrell was sent off.

MacDonagh's error in giving the ball to Smith was compounded when Dreyer under-hit a back-pass to his goalkeeper and Gallacher nipped in to score after seven minutes. Luton's task then grew ominously larger when Farrell was dismissed after appearing to elbow Peake in an aerial challenge.

Gallacher's second goal came after 39 minutes. As Chamberlain moved out to gather Smith's cross, Dreyer scooped the ball out of his hands and Gallacher scored with an overhead kick.

A minute before the interval Rosario, the former Norwich player, scored his first goal for Coventry after Smith's low shot rebounded to him off a post.

Smith scored Coventry's fourth in the 69th minute then Furlong slid home the fifth in the 72nd minute, soon after replacing Gallacher.

Coventry City: Ogrizovic, Borrows, McGrath, Robson, Pearce, Peake, Woods, Gynn, Rosario, Gallacher (Furlong 70), Smith.

Luton Town: Chamberlain, Beaumont, Harvey, MacDonagh, Rodger, Dreyer, Farrell, Preece, Stein (Gray 45), Pembridge, Black.

Referee: M Bailey (Cambridgeshire).